HISSENTENCE COMMUTED

Gov. Aycock Changes Vick's Sentence to Life Term.

KILLING OF PERCY JONES

Eleven Men Under Indictment Con nected with the Case and a Special Term Ordered to Try Them, State Officers Sign Bonds.

Avenck to-day commuted the death sent-

ence of Sam Vick, the negro, who was under sentence to be hanged next Satqurday, to life imprisonment. Vick is sixteen years ald, and was convicted of criminal assault on an old negro woman with whom he made his home.

A special term of Wilson County Court is ordered by Governor Aycock for the trial of the Wilson county murder cases growing out of the recent sensational killing of Percy Jones, an insurance agent.

There are eleven men under indictment

agent.

There are eleven men under Indictment by the grand jury, four of them being out on bond, and the others in jail awaiting trial. The special court will be held by Judge Shaw.

HOND ISSUE.

The Governor and State Treasurer this morning completed the work of signing the 320,000 State bond issue, authorized by the recent Legislature, and sold at 162,56 to Townsend, Scott & Company, of Baltimore. They were forwarded to the purchasers to-day, and the money will be forthcoming. It is to meet a deflet in the State treasury.

A charter was granted to-day to the Bank of Lincolnton, \$10,000 capital. The stockholders are B. F. Grigg, W. E. Grigg and Judge W. A. Hoke.

The Secretary of State to-day charters the Lenoir and Patterson Turnpike Company, which has for its purpose the construction of a turnpike company from Lenoir to Patterson, in Caldwell county, John M. Bernhardt and S. F. Harper are among the incorporators.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL.

The skyl-second annual commencement of St. Mary's School began Sunday morning with an able baccalaureate sermon by Right Rev. Thomas F. Gallor, Bishop of Tennessee. The graduating exercises will be on Thursday.

Rev. Joseph Rennie, D. D., of Norfolk, preached the baccalaureate sermon of the

day morning.
FOR A STATE EXHIBIT.

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Governor Aycock will, it is understood, issue a letter in a few days to publishers of newspapers througout North Carolina urging them to strat at once subscription lists for donations to the fund to be raised for a State exhibit at the St. Louis Exposition, each paper being requested to raise subscriptions to the fund and publish names and amounts. The act of the Legislature, it will be remembered, conditions the \$10,000 State appropriation on the raising of a like amount by popular subscription. State officials are confident this condition will be compiled with.

QUEEN OF THE CARNIVAL

Mojor John Mertz and His Tiny Part-

ecial to The Times-Dispatch.) (Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

HALISBURY, N. C., May 25.—The carpival closed here Saturday night. All

suring the week and up to the very

glose large crowds have attended from

from the proceeds will go towards

the establishment of a public library for

Ballsbury.

Balisbury.

While here exhibiting the Hatch-Adams
Company contracted with Major and Mrs.
John Mertz to travel with the show. Major Mertz is one of the smallest men
jurying, being only forty-one inches high,
while his wife is thirty-eight inches in

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The voting contest for Queen of the Carnival closed Friday night, the choice failing upon Miss Bessie Henderson, the accomplished daughter of Benator John S. Henderson. She received six hundred and eighty votes over her closest contestant, who received four hundred and six.

LIQUIDATION WILL BE ALLOWED TO RUN COURSE An Operation Which, In Itself,

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, May 25.—Following the close of the stock market, it was rumored in Wall Birect that a conference of the leading financial interests would be held up-town in the evening, to review the situation and it necessary adopt relief measures. It was strongly intimated in certain quarters that the waring factions in Pennsylvania Railway and Western Union Company would come together and make mutual concessions. A canvass of the clubs and hotels falled to hear out these reports and inquiries in authorative quarters all showed that the liquidation which was so conspicuous in to-day's market would be allowed to run its course. Gossip at the up-town resorts was busy with the names of a number of well-known individuals all of whom are reported to have been badly "squeezed."

The best information as to the sithation was not sufficiently critical to warrant the official intervention of the Clearing House or the formation of "money pools."



ENORMOUS SHIPMENTS

Million - and - a- Quarter- Dollar Crop of Strawberries.

TERRIFIC THUNDERSTORM

Cupola of Hotel at Wrightsville Beach Shattered.

WILMINGTON, N. C., May 25 .- The dr:

ROXBURY, VA., May 25.—The residence of Mr. William Adams, near this place, was converted into a bower of beauty Wednesday night, the occasion being the marriage of his daughter, Gracle, to Mr. William Mannel, of Lunenburg county. The ceremony was performed by Hev. T. T. Johnson, of Glendale. After the coremony, an elegant supper was served. Their future home will be in Lunenburg, where the young man hold a responsible position with Milner & Miller, lumber merponitors with Milner & Miller, lumber mer-

Medical Class Officers.

WOULD BE SUICIDE CLINGS TO LIFE

Would Kill Most Men.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) KEYSVILLE, VA., May 25,-Mr. Ed. L. Cole, who attempted to commit suicide Saturday morning by shooting himself in Saturday morning by shooting himself in the head with a pistol, an account of which appeared in the Sunday's Times-Dispatch, is getting along as well as could be expected. The builtet entered the head at the posterior portion of the frontal bone, going through the skull and entering the brain, driving pieces of the skull before the ball.

The operation, which was a very difficult one, was performed by Drs. Floyd Gregory and Thompson Morton. The ball was located and found pressing on the fissue of rolando, which pressure over the motor nerve center caused paralysis of the left side.

Upon removal of the ball and fragments of skull the paralysis was relieved. It has now been forty-eight hours since the operation, and his physicians say he has a fair chance to recover.

MEALS COLD

Servants Shouldn't Have to

LORD'S DAY OBSERVANCE

This Subject Discussed Sunday by Two Richmond Pastors-Sunday Excursions and Sunday Newspapers Scored.

In two sermons preached from Rich-mond pulpits on Sunday last the desecra-tion of the Lord's day was the theme for a severe arraignment of certain classes

meals if need be.

REV. MR. HUNDLET'S SERMON.

At the Barton Heights Baptist Church Sunday morning the Rev. W. T. Hundley preached to a good sized congregation on "The Observance of the Sabbath."

In the course of his remarks, Mr. Hundlay took a firm stand against all secular work on Sunday. Sunday excursions, he declared to be an abomination. The people who go on them go with no thought of doing honor to the Lord. He thought of doing honor to the Lord. He thought of the parks harmless, provided they did not interfere with a proper observance of the Lord's day. He also had a word to say about the Sunday newspapers. Among other things he expressed the hope that he would live to see the day when there were none such. He was rather doubtful, howover, if this hope would ever be realized.

Finally Mr. Hundley declared that servants should not be made to work on Sunday. They should work six days and then stop. Sunday dinners could be cooked on Saturday and eaten cold on the next day if necessary.

TO RESTORE BRUTON CHURCH

A Distinguished Committee Appointed to Co-operate.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
WILLIAMSBURG, VA., May 25.—The
vestry of Bruton Episcopal Church Saturday night decided to restore the interior of the historic edifice. Rev. W. A.
R. Goodwin, the rector, was authorized
to receive contributions.

to that place in their yacht. Among them were Dr. Wier Mitchell, the great physician and author of Philadelphia; Dr. Thomas Nelson Page, the nevellst; Professor Gilman, president of Johns Hopkins University; Mr. Randall, of Annapolis; Mr. Brent Keyser, of Baltimore. They attended services at Bruton Church and dined at the Colonial Inn.

Mr. Laydall Farragut, of New York, son of Admiral Farragut, and Mrs. George Newton and Miss Nowton, of Norfolk, have been guests of Miss Annie Galt. Commander Hogers Galt, United States

Commander Hogers Galt, United States navy, who has been on a sick leave with his family at Lynchburg, has received orders to report at the Naval War Col-

SALEM FEMALE COLLEGE.

Farmville Bids Fair to Remain Dry for

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
FARMVILLES, VA., May 25.—Farmville
continues to enjoy her unique whiskey
situation. It is up to the Legislature
to say whether salcons will ever he
opened in the town again, and up to the
Town Council to say whether a dispensary will be put in operation. Indications
are that the salcon is gone for some time

to come, and at the present writing the Town Council have no idea of opening a dispensary, until the question is submitted to the people, and they will be guided accordingly.

The whiskey question, which has excited the people here as nothing else has, will no doubt terminate in the hottest political fight for office in the county and State than has been known for many years. It is reported that a number of Democrats will unite with the Republicans and do all in their power to defeat any anti-saloon man that may run for office in the county or State.

The Republican forces are very small in the county, and it would be all they are looking for to get the whiskey people to unite with them, and get one of their flock in some office in the county or town.

MANN BILL CASE

Circuit Court Rules Against Issuing Hotel License.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
FARMVILLE, VA., May 25.—An interesting legal question came up before Judge Hundley, of the Circuit Court this morning on appeal from the County Court in the case of Hugh O'Gara vs. P.

Court in the case of Hugh O'Gara vs. P. H. C. Rice Commissioner of Revenue. The case was a petition for mandamus to compel the Commissioner of Revenue to der the Mann bill.

According to the bill the license for such a hotel license to the petitioner under the Mann bill.

According to the bill the license carries with it the privilege to sell to travelers and guests liquors and mixtures thereof. After hearing arguments on both sides the mandamus was returned that was the mandamus was returned that Mesers. Lancaster, or Farmula, and Edmond Hubbard, of Buckingham country, represented Mr. O'Gara, and the other side's interest was looked after by Senator Watkins.

At the Cheatres.

It has been a number of years since "Friends" has been seen here—so long, indeed, that most of us who witnessed the production had almost forgotten the pretty story of the play. The presentation last light by the Giffen Company most pleasantly refreshed our memories. Friendship, such as that existing between the two struggling young men of genius, both of whom love the same woman, is an ideal one.

We sill love our ideals, and while we may never see them in real life, we admire them none the less when we read of them in the pages of some novel or see them upon the stage.

The production of last night served to introduce three new members of the Giften Company—Miss Blanche Hail, Mr. Mace Greenleaf and Mr. R. G. Thomas. Miss Hail was cast as Marguerite Otto, an opera singer, who is just reaching the climax of her artistic achievements. She has a plensing personality, and her work was entirely satisfactory, she meeting most of the requirements of the role. Mr. Mace Greenleaf at once won his way to the audience by his earnest and sincere work as Adrian Karje. He has a good stage presence, and possesses a rich, well-modulated voice.

Mr. R. G. Thomas did an excellent bit of acting as John Paden, Sr. If he plays all the "old men' part as cleverly as he did the one in which he is cast this week, he will at the end of the season have added much to the stuccess of the Mr. George Howard renewed the favorable impresson he made last week. There is a refreshing crispness about his work that at once impresses his audience. Mr. George Howard renewed the favorable impresson he made last week. There is a refreshing crispness about his work that at once impresses his audience. Mr. Charles Lane was smooth and easy as the scheming Harold Hunting, without giving to his impersonation that toom of the conventional stage villian, of which one becomes po tired. Miss Rose Elizabeth Tafley did not distinguish herself as "the angel of the attic." Thus far she has not displayed any very clever work. Miss Elia Hugh Wood and Miss Nora Barron

Mr. Alexander Lottwich, who is a member of the Fawcett Company now appearing at the Bjou, is a son of the well-known tobucec man in Baltimore. He is a graduate of Harvard University, and a member of the most exclusive clubs in the Monumental City.

Mr. Loftwich, Sr., lived in Lynchburg some years ago. He married Miss Rutherrord, of Richmond, and the family is connected with some of the oldest and best in the State.

Manager Jake Wells will return this morning from a southern trip. He has been visiting his various enterprase, and has completed all his arrangements for the summer season in the numerous resorts under his control. He is coming to Richmond to see the production of Romeo and Juliet, of which Mr. Fawcet is extremely proud.

Mr. William Y. C. White, of Abingdon, is in the city.



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White Madras, for shirt-waists and shirt-waist suits, 124, 19, 25, 35C Wash Chiffon, 47 inches wide, for graduation dresses, 25, 50c and White Organdies, 06 inches 60c Embroidered Dotted Swiss, 60c 25, 35, 40, 45, 50 and.......

White Linen Lawn, 86 inches 29c wide, 40c, value, for...... White Lines, for waists or suits, se inches wide, 50c. value, 39c

Hosiery Department.

TWO SPECIALS IN LADIES'

100 dozen Ladies' Fast-Black and Regular Made Lace Lislo Hose, bought to sell for 25c.; spe- 19c

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Ladies' Gauze Vests, low neck and sleeveless, trinmed around armholes and neck with lace; spe-

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Silk Department.

White Pongee Silks, 27 \$1.25 Gentlemen's Furnishings.

Men's Elastic Seam Drawers, 50C

Men's Balbriggan Bhirts, 25C

Men's Balbriggan Shirts, 371/2C

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eral benefit to farmers throughout State. Suffering crops will lift up their heads again, and in the prospect of more favorable weather, will now to make some headway after the weeks

of retarded growth.

The early drought has been widespread, and in many localities heavy damage has been reported. Wheat has been injured and oats also. particularly bad. Strawberries have shriveled up on the bush, so that a match might rake a bonfire of a whole field. The bushes would fairly rattle when the berries were picked. Tomatoes, which should are yet unplanted, and but little corn

are yet unplanted, and but little corn has been set out. Apples have been falling from the trees. Tobacco plants have been abundant, but this advantage has been offset by the fact that it was impossible to set them out. No plough could cut through the dry, stony earth. HEFORTS NOT CHEERFUL.

These conditions have been particularly marked in some sections of Henrico county, near Richmond, but they have prevalled elsewhere in the Slate. Reports from correspondents were by no means chearful when they came to speak of crop prospects, and the monthly statement

chestful when they came to speak of crop prospects, and the monthly statement of the Weather Bureau to the Washington headquartors was distinctly discouraging. In all directions farmers were crying for rain.

The rain came Sunday. The day broke cloudy and a few drops fell early in the merning. During the afternoon it made as if to clear off, and then came a terrific wind, which bent trees as though they were pipestems. The rain was in intermittent spells, but if literally poured in big drops at times. The worst of it was ever by 10 o'clock at night, and vegetation and people were refreshed and relieved by the downpour. The clouds continued in the sky throughout the night and yesterday, and will probably still be here to-day. There was some rainfall yesterday, but not to amount to anything.

FALL OF ONE INCH.

Reports received by the Weather Bureau are very scanty, and for this reason it is aimost certain that there was no very heavy rainfall at any place, A fall of one inch is reported from one place up the river. No other report has been received. It is understood, however, that the precipitation was quite general throughout the State. The quantity of this fall was about the same as heromelalf of an inch. The Tidewater section was particularly well watered.

Great benefit to crops will result from the downpour. There might have been more of it, but such as it was it will do great good. It is the first good welting the land has sotten this month. The cuit has been loosened up, sturt already in the ground can grow, and other stuff can be planted. So far as Richmond is concerned there will probably be no more reinfall to smount to anything. The clouds will still be here, but they will stay in the sky.

In some sections the storm of yesterday did nore damage than good. The flore wind snapped trees and blew down shimneys and so on. Hall was reported from some parts, and the inevitable goese egg is being exploited once more. There is said to have been a slight fall of hall here.

GREAT EXCITEMENT

Negro Creates Big Disturbance in the East-End.

William Booker, a negro man and an ex-convict, is in the Henrico county fail, charged with creating no end of a disturbance Suntay afternoon in the neighborhood of short Twentieth Birest. According to his own statement, Booker went into a negro club and engaged in a game of crap. He lost and handed up a foliar. When the change wasn't forth-

coming he pulled out a huge pistol and brandished it in the face of his terrified partners. Then the trouble began, It is alleged that Booker pulled out a knife, also, and grabbed at the pile of money on the table. Great excitement ensued and the racket was transferred to the street, where a highly-wroughtup crowd quickly gathered.

Booker was finally arrested by Policeman Mills and taken to the county jail, where he is now confined awaiting trial.

Captain Eckles' Vacation.

Captain R. S. Eckles, the veteran conductor of the Norfolk & Western Railway, who makes his home at New Ford's Hotel, has just returned to the city after the unusual luxury of a vacation of ten days, the first he has had in years. Captain Eckles spent his furlough at Greensboro, N. C., and during his stay there witnessed the marriage of his youngest daughter last week. He will now resume his run between this city and Norfolk, where he is known to all travelers for his courtesy and genial manners.

Colored Minister Dies, Colored Minister Dies.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., May 25.—Rev.
W. H. Dixson, pastor of the colored First
Baptist Church, and one of the bestknown and most highly respected negroes
on the Peninsula, died this morning at
6 o'clock. He leavers a wife and daughter. The latter graduated at the Hartshorn College, Richmond, this year. He
was the pastor of one of the largest
negro churches in the State. The romains will be taken to Nonfolk Wednesday for interment.

MR. MURRELL NOT IN RACE AGAIN

Bedford Member Will Give Time Up to Virginia Exhibit at St. Louis.

Hon. George E. Murrell, member of the House for Bedford county, will not be a candidate for re-election this fall, but commissioner to the St. Louis Exposition, and is working hard to collect an exhibit of which Virginia will be proud. He has

and is working hard to collect an exhibit of which Virginia will be proud. He has just returned from a trip in the interest of the Virginia exhibit, and will spend several days in this city in his office at the Capitol.

Mr. Turpin, the other member of the House from Bedford, is uncertain yet whether he will stand for re-election, but his friends are of opinion that he will yield to pressure to run again. It is said that Hon. J. Thompson Brown will probably be his colleague in the House, instead of standing for the Senate, and that Hon. Calloway Brown, new judge of the County Court, will be a candidate for the Senatorial nomination.

Hon, Charles M. Wallace stated yesterday that he had not fully decided yet whether he would stand for renomination for the House this fall. Hon. L. T. Christian is also uncertain yet whether he will aspire to another term in the House. Mr. Folkes has already announced that he will probably not be a candidate, and Hon. A. C. Harman, it is understood, will run for the Senatorial nomination instead of the House who is known to be a candidate for renomination. Thus far Mr. E. P. Cox, Captain Harry L. Watson and Mr. E. B. Thomasson are the only names mentioned for the other four scats. There will probably be many others out before the primary, which will be held under the special primary law on the first Thursday in September, it is to be held under a legalized plan of primary and net under the viva voce plan adopted by the State Committee.

ST. MEMIN'S PORTRAITS

A French Engraver Whose Profile Were the Rage a Century Ago.

In a little Virginia mountain city there is a curious collection of engravings by an almost forgotten engraver once varily ropular in New York. The family occupying the house where the collection is stored is descended from a former Virginia Congressman, and the pictures are metallion profiles of all or nearly all the members of an early Congress. The engravings are the work of St. Menin, a French arist of a contury ago.

The engraver's full name was Charles Balthaser Julien Fevert de St. Menin, the came, a youth, to New York and live. He am a house overlooking the litte city of that day and its harbor. He was so Were the Rage a Century Ago.

Social Progress and Extinction of Tuber _ culosis.

When the world went wild with enthusiasm over the supposed discovery of a method of extinguishing pulmonary tuperculosis by means of tuberculin intections, an unknown and now forgotten writer said that had Professor Koch succeeded in his aim it would have been the greatest ourse imaginable to the human race. The reason given for this ingly extravagant statement was tr moral and social origins of the would have been neglected, and t would have been neglected, ar lation of moral and physical d would have been neglected, and the relation of moral and physical disease can never be safely ignored. Maium and morbus are often the same, at least so intimately connected that one cannot be eliminated from human life without the other. The most striking proof of this now comes out in the fact that Koch himself admits and even preaches that the great decrease in the deathrate from tuberculosis has been due and will still be due to sanitary and social betterment, but chiefly to the improvement in the condition of the workingmen's lives through government insurance, etc. In other words, what may be called the morals of infectious disease are being recognized. The conditions that breed and scatter physical contagion are precisely those that degrade and morbidize the soul and character. Rightness of physical living is necessary to rightcoursess, and vice versa, Koch, the author of tuberculin, forgot this truth; Koch, the sanitarian, now preaches it.—American Medicine.

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Work on Sunday.

a severe arrangement of the city's people.

Both pastors went gloves off for Bunday newspapers and Bunday excursions. But one of them went even farther than this. He declared that servants should not be compelled to work on the Sabbath and that families should go without hot make it, need be meals if need be. REV. MR. HUNDLEY'S SERMON.

Close of the IUIst Annual Session-Dr Strickler.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C., May 25.—
This week marks the close of the one hundred and first annual session of the Salem Female College. The exercises opened yesterday with the beccalaurente sermon, delivered by Rev. Dr. G. B. Strickler, of Richmond.

To-day was senior class flay. The first exercises opened at 11 o'clock, the special feature being the planting of the class tree on the college campus. This is a new and novel feature adopted by the principal.

In connection with commencement at the close of the exercises Dr. and Mrs. Clewell served a luncheon to students, patrons and friends. At 3 o'clock this afternoon the class day exercises were continued, the programme consisting of the class prophecy, the class ity essay, the class history, the presentation of the class banner and some unusually bright and brilliant music.

To-night the first concert was given by the music and elocution dopartments. To-motrow will be alumnue day. Many members of the association from this and other States are here to attend the annual meeting. Strickler.

UNIQUE SITUATION

Some Time.